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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ZIMMERMAN) PATENT
Serial No.: 09/758830) Atty. Docket No.: P-5231CIP
Filed: January 11, 2001) Ivars C. Cintins
For: CONTROLLER FOR SALT DOSAGE) Group Art Unit: 1724
FOR A WATER SOFTENER AND)
METHOD OF REGENERATING A)
WATER SOFTENER)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 1, 2002, the Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute designated Invention I, covering Claims 1-12 and 24-33, directed to a method of regenerating a water softener, classified in class 521, subclass 26.

Applicants reserve the right to file and prosecute a divisional application on the non-elected Invention II, for claims 13-23 drawn a water softener, classified in class 210, subclass 190, prior to issuance of the instant application.

Please charge any fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 18-2284. Please note that the name of Applicant's counsel's law firm changed to Piper Rudnick in April 2002. All prior address and contact information remains the same.

Respectfully submitted,

PIPER RUDNICK

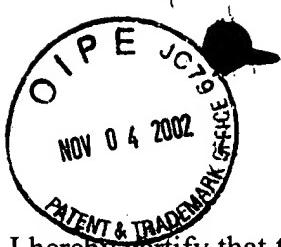
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